

Two Defendants Face Prison Time for Causing Two Separate Fatal Crashes

A Maryland woman who caused a fatal crash while driving under the influence of drugs has been sentenced to prison. Deputy Attorneys General Barzilai Axelrod and William Leonard secured the sentence for Michelle Park, 35, of Earlville. In March 2018, with her 2-year-old child in the car, Park failed to negotiate a curve while driving on Bethel Church Road, crossed the center line, and collided head-on with a Ford Escape. Three people in the Escape were injured; one of them, a 73-year-old woman, later died from her injuries. In June 2019, Park pleaded guilty to Manslaughter, 2 counts of Assault First Degree, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (3rd Offense), and Failure to Use Proper Child Restraint. A Superior Court judge sentenced Park to 12 years and 3 months in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. DOJ social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory and paralegal Jaevan Owens assisted with the prosecution. Corporal Joseph Aube of the Delaware State Police was the chief investigating officer.

A 41-year-old man faces prison time after pleading guilty to a crash that killed 2 people and seriously injured a third. In August 2018, Jeffrey Guseman, of Bear, crossed the double yellow line on Salem Church Road in Newark while illegally attempting to pass another vehicle, and crashed head-on into a Toyota Camry. The driver of the Camry survived, but both of his parents, who visiting Delaware from another country, were killed. Guseman pleaded guilty to 2 counts of Manslaughter and 1 count of Assault Second Degree and will be sentenced by a Superior Court judge in March of next year. Deputy Attorneys General Barzilai Axelrod and Erik Towne prosecuted the case. DOJ social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory and paralegal Jaevan

Owens assisted with the prosecution. Sergeant Dermot Alexander of the Delaware State Police was the chief investigating officer.